

### Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

#### Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) A wire termination apparatus for crimping a conductive lead of a component in a collapsible terminal having an insertion ~~hole~~ hole for receiving the conductive lead, the apparatus comprising:

an anvil configured to support the collapsible terminal;

a crimper aligned with the anvil, and being movable toward and away from the anvil to crush and release the terminal;

a guide member having an upwardly open guide groove provided close to the anvil and aligned therewith for supporting the component and guiding the conductive lead into the ~~an~~ insertion hole ~~in~~ of the terminal; and

a positioning plate for positioning the ~~elongate~~ component to prevent interference between the crimper and the component by abutting ~~the a tip thereof of the component to the positioning plate~~, the positioning plate having an escape groove for allowing movement of the conductive lead during termination thereof; ~~and~~

wherein the guide member is ~~linked~~ directly connected via a link piece to a ram on which the crimper is mounted such that the guide member is caused to retreat from the ~~elongate~~ component upon the downward motion of the crimper, before the crimper abuts the terminal.

2. (previously presented) A wire termination apparatus as defined in claim 1 wherein a terminal having a conductive lead inserted in the insertion hole and being placed on the anvil is

crushed by the crimper, thereby terminating the conductive lead, which is inserted within the insertion hole of the terminal.

3.-7. (cancelled)

8. (previously presented) A wire termination apparatus as defined in claim 1 configured to allow insertion of a second conductor into the collapsible terminal disposed on the anvil in a direction perpendicular to the conductive lead.

9.-10. (cancelled)

11. (original) A wire termination apparatus as defined in claim 1, further comprising:  
a rail for guiding successive collapsible terminals mounted on a carrier strip onto the anvil.

12. (cancelled)

13. (previously presented) A wire termination apparatus as defined in claim 11 wherein a carrier brake is mounted on the rail and biased into frictional contact with the carrier strip.

14. (currently amended) A termination apparatus for terminating a conductive lead of a component in a collapsible terminal having an insertion hole for receiving the conductive lead, the apparatus comprising:

an anvil;

a crimper movable toward and away from the anvil; and

a guide member having an upwardly open guide groove for supporting the component in a sliding relationship such that the conductive lead is inserted into the insertion hole in the terminal; and

a positioning plate for positioning the elongate component to prevent interference between the crimper and the component by abutting the a tip thereof of the component to the

positioning plate, the positioning plate having an escape groove for allowing movement of the conductive lead during termination thereof; ~~and~~

wherein the guide member is ~~linked~~ directly connected via a link piece to a ram on which the crimper is mounted such that the guide member is caused to retreat from the ~~elongate~~ component upon the downward motion of the crimper, before the crimper abuts the terminal.

15. (cancelled)

16. (previously presented) A termination apparatus as defined in claim 14, wherein a recess is disposed in the anvil to retain the collapsible terminal and the crimper is disposed on a vertical ram, aligned with the recess.